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Milpitas City Council City Hall 455 E. Calaveras Blvd. Milpitas, CA 95035

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

In August, the Milpitas Kiwanis Club, in partnership with Mervyn's department store, will host the annual "Child Spree" event. This event enables underprivileged children in our community to start the school year with new school clothes. For most of these children, it is the first time that they have been able to shop for new clothes and start the school year on an equal footing with a confident, positive outlook.

Mervyn's, in addition to opening the store at 7:00am exclusively for this event, provides significant discounts on school clothing. Each child must be pre-registered and is accompanied on their shopping spree by a community volunteer who is given a list with sizes and a gift card for each child in the amount of \$100. As they exit the store, each child also receives a backpack filled with school supplies.

Last year, we were able to sponsor more than 60 children for the "Child Sprce." This year we are anticipating an even greater need and to ensure our ability to meet that need we ask your assistance.

Each year the Milpitas City Council has generously supported this event with a grant of \$1500. Can the Milpitas Kiwanis again count on this funding for the 2006 event? I would be happy to address the council at your convenience and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ron Lind

Milpitas Kiwanis Club

President

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